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Mr. Kyle Bagenstose
Bucks County Courier Times
8400 N. Bristol Pike
Levittown, PA 19057

Dear Mr. Bagenstose:

Subj: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA); CASE NUMBER
DON-NAVY-2019-007564

We are writing to respond to your request for "...copies of any memos, reports, presentations or correspondence between employees of Hughes Associates, Inc. (now doing business as Jensen Hughes) and U.S. Navy personnel, related to firefighting foams or fluorinated surfactants. The time period covered by this request is from Jan. 1, 1999, to Dec. 31, 2004."

After a thorough search of our files, it has been determined that the Naval Facilities Engineering Command has no records responsive to your request. The search of systems did contain contracts/task orders with Hughes and Associates, Inc.; however, the files have been destroyed in accordance with the 6-year timeframe outlined in FAR4.805 (Storage, Handling, and Contract Files.) As for "...any memos, reports, presentations or correspondence..." the FOIA requires that requests describe the records sought with sufficient detail to allow an agency employee familiar with the subject area of the request to locate the records with a reasonable amount of effort. Your request does not adequately describe the specific records sought; therefore, we are unable to process it at this time.

If you consider this to be an adverse determination, you may appeal. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, you may submit an appeal directly within the web-based system. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and then you can type in the basis of your appeal. If you prefer to use regular mail, you may submit an appeal to:

The Department of the Navy
Office of the General Counsel (ATTN: FOIA APPEALS)
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. For any further assistance and to

discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-01, ogis@nara.gov; (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Further questions regarding the action this office has taken may be directed to Abby Machalec, abby.machalec@navy.mil. Please refer to your FOIA case number DON-NAVY-2019-007564 whenever corresponding about this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.A. Pollock', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

P.A. POLLOCK
Chief Management Officer

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